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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) is the patent application of
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FOR: BIOABSORBABLE SURGICAL CLIP WITH ENGAGEABLE EXPANSION STRUCTURE

Enclosed are:

- [X] Specification and Abstract – eighteen (18) pages.
- [X] Drawings – seven (7) sheets (Figs. 1-7).
- [] Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- [] Information Disclosure Statement.
- [] Assignment papers.
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- [] Request and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i) (nonpublication).
- [] _____.

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- [X] This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Applications Nos. 60/260,289, 60/260,324 and 60/260,252, all filed on January 8, 2001.

Respectfully submitted,

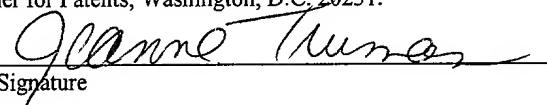


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